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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. WHILE I HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED VISIT BY MGEN MCCORMICK TO SEYCHELLES, I BELIEVE TIMING SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO MINIMIZE RISK OF ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECT. I REGARD IT AS IMPRUDENT FOR MCCORMICK TO BE IN SEYCHELLES AND TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT RENE ONLY FEW WEEKS BEFORE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEMILITARIZATION OF INDIAN OCEAN IS TO BE HELD THERE. MCCORMICK'S VISIT COULD PASS UNNOTICED, BUT RISK THAT THOSE WHO SEZK TO LINK TRACKING STATION WITH DIEGO GARCIA MIGHT MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF IT, IN CONTEXT OF THIS CONFERENCE, IS GREAT ENOUGH TO WARRANT POSTPONEMENT OF VISIT UNTIL MORE PROPITIOUS TIME. DEPARTMENT MAY, THEREFORE, COMMUNICATE TO DOD COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR MGEN MCCORMICK TO VIST SEYCHELLES IN LATTER PART OF APRIL OR MAY.

2. AT SAME TIME, DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO DOD THAT MCCORMICK'S PROPOSED CALL ON PRESIDENT RENE, WHEN IT MATERIALIZES, IS TO BE A COURTESY NATURE ONLY. THERE IS NO REASON FOR MCCORMICK TO RAISE WITH RENE
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ANYTHING OF SUBSTANTIVE NATURE CONCERNING FUTURE OF TRACKING STATION. I HAVE RENE'S PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE TRACKING STATION IS NOT AN ISSUE, AND I BELIEVE THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED BY ME, OR BY CHARGE MATTSON ON MY BEHALF.

3. I WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MGEN
MCCORMICK IN NAIROBI ON HIS WAY TO VICTORIA, IF THAT CAN
BE CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED.

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